GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MEETING OF DGPS AND CHIEF SECRETARIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting of the Chief Secretaries and Director Generals of Police of States was held recently;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed and outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study for setting up Special Security Zone; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): A one day Conference of Chief Secretaries/Home Secretaries and Directors General of Police of all States was held on 8.8.2008 to review the prevailing security scenario in various parts of the Country and to discuss the recent terrorist incidents, naxalite violence, etc.The discussions highlighted the need for strengthening of Police infrastructure, improving response capabilities necessary to address the emerging threats, enhanced surveillance of crowded areas such as markets, malls, etc., in urban areas, stricter enforcement of existing regulation on explosives, countering the menace of Fake Indian Currency Notes, regulations of cyber cafes and retailers of SIM cards etc., with the involvement of all stakeholders, harnessing of technology towards this end, involving the community in countering threats posed by terrorist elements and generating awareness. There was a broad consensus to focus on capacity building through training skill upgradation, incentivisation of Special Branches of the States, and the need for effective investigation and efficient prosecution of cases having inter-state and international linkages was emphasized.

(c) & (d): The Model Police Act, inter-alia, refers to the creation of Special Security Zones where the police will have enhanced powers to deal with the security situation.It is for the States to consider this suggestion.